

John Carlile, born at Mission, Lincolnshire, England, May 25, 1825, son of Robert and Christian Spouncer Carlile, died Sept. 16, 1859, at Heber, Utah. He had one sister and five brothers. He was baptized into the LDS Church in 1848. At the age of 19½ years, he married Elizabeth Williamson. Elizabeth Williamson was born Nov. 22, 1822, at Gresburgh, Lincolnshire, England. Died Jan. 23, 1893, at Heber, Utah. They had the following children: Mrs. William (Ann) Eastwood; Mrs. Mark (Mary) Jeffs; Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Carroll; Mrs. William (Christina) Giles; John and Emma.

John was a farmer by trade but owned no land of his own. He hired out to help others. He was a lover of horses and took very good care of them so was always able to get work.

In 1850, he left England with his family. They arrived at Council Bluffs, where they remained two years where they prepared to cross the plains. They came with a yoke of cows and an ox. After an uneventful journey west, he arrived at Provo in 1852. From Provo, they moved to Palmyra, then to Spanish Fork. The Walker Indian War broke out in the summer of 1853, so the residents of Spanish Fork had to build a fort to live in for protection.

During 1854 to 1856, the grasshoppers destroyed their crops. Food was so scarce they lived on roots and what little grain they could glean from the fields. John threshed the grain with a stick and carried the wheat on his back to Springville to have it ground into flour. The Indians also did much pillaging and burning of the small set-

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the age of 57. This sturdy couple suffered the trials and hardships along with the other pioneers of their day.

On April 20, 1859, over 100 years ago, James and Emily Ann in a group of ten families trekked up the Provo Canyon and found this lovely valley in which to settle. As "Uncle Jimmie's" oxen were the strongest, he was appointed to take the lead. The first night after leaving Provo, these pioneers encountered a snowslide in the canyon at the South Fork of the Provo River. This was a large slide and it was impossible for them to get over it that night so they camped at the slide. The next morning, they took their wagons apart and carried each part, along with their belongings, over the slide, put the wagons back together again and proceeded on their journey. As they were crossing the Provo River "Uncle Jimmie" crossed first as his team was the strongest. When a lighter team started to cross, the rushing water started to take it downstream. "Uncle Jimmie" rushed his team back and caught the smaller team and pulled the team, wagon, and family across in safety.

James Carlile was a successful farmer of this valley and a devoted member to his LDS religion. After the death of his first wife, he married a widow, Eliza Durnell, who had one son, George, by her previous marriage. She was a very kind, understanding person and was loved by everyone who knew her. After her death, he married Rachel Moser. In his later life, James was "doorkeeper" for years at the Second Ward Chapel "Old Hall" as it was called and every Sunday night after he had locked the doors, put out the coal oil lights, etc., one could see him with his lantern homeward bound. He was very faithful in all his religious duties. In their later lives, his wife Rachel went to live with home people in Lehi, Utah. James Carlile was the oldest man in Heber at the time of his death—88½ years old. He died September 9, 1917 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Barzee, where he had been residing in his later life, and was buried in the Heber City cemetery.

Their family consisted of: Sarah Ann, Evelena, James William, Emily Jane, Charles Robert, and a little girl, Mary Elizabeth, who died at the age of four of diphtheria.